(c) what retaliatory measures Government propose to take to face the unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops on Indian Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) and (b) Firing by the Pakistani troops on the Indo-Pak border including the LOC is a regular phenomenon. During the last one year (01 Mar 94 to 31 Mar 95) there were 401 incidents of unprovoked firing by the Pakistani troops on the Indo-Pak border in the Stat* of JAK. Heavy artillery, mortars and rockets are reported to have been used by the Pak troops in these firings, which resulted in some casualties to our troops.

(c) A constant watch is kept on the situation in Indo-Pak border areas and adequate measures are taken to meet any eventuality arising out of such incidents of unprovoked firings etc.

Indo-Pak Defence Consultative Group

7265. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly constituted Indo-UK Defence consultative Group has decided to meet shortly;

(b) if so, the date and the agenda for the meeting;

(c) whether the UN Peace Keeping of each other's security interests and the identification of areas for mutual collaboration is expected to be discussed or not; and

(d) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (d) An Indo-UK Defence Consultative Group has been constituted with the aim of providing impetus and continuity to the development of the Defence relationship between the' two countries. The first meeting of the group is likely to be held in this year. No dates, or agenda have been identified yet. Topics of mutual interest would be discussed.

Ex-servicemen in Gujarat

7266. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of ex-servicemen residing in Gujarat State as on the 31st March, 1995, district-wise; and

(b) what are the programme being implemented for the welfare and rehabilitation of these ex-servicemen in the State together with the number of ex-servicemen benefited under such programme alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) and (b) As on March 31, 1995, a total of 8,671 ex-servicemen were registered with various Zila Sainik Boards in Gujarat. Zila Sainik Board-wise details of ex-Servicemen is as under:

Zila Sainik Board	Ex -servicemen Registered
Ahmedabad	3304
Jamnagar	2613
Surat	920
Vadodara	1834

There is a comprehensive package of welfare and resettlement measures for the ex-servicemen. The Central Government have provided reservation for ex-servicement in Groups 'C* and 'D* posts in the Central Government Departments as we ‖ as Public Sector Undertakings including the Nationalised Banks. In Para-Military Forces, a reservation of 10% is also provided in the posts of Assistant Commandants. Recruitment in Defence Security Corps is primarily reserved for ex-servicemen. In addition, the Government of Gujarat has provided 10% and 20%

reservation in Grops 'C' and 'D' posts in State Government Departments and its Undertakings.

A number of Central schemes provide self-employment opportunities to ex-servicemen. These include the SEMFEX-I scheme which provides financial assistance for seeting up small industrial projects; the SEMFEX-II scheme to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas; SEMFEX-III scheme to provide self-employment opportunities through promotion of Khadi & Village Industries in the rural areas, preferential allotment of Petroleum product Agencies to war widows and disabled ex-servicemen, allotment of Unit Trust of India Agencies etc. Training programmes are arranged for improving their employability. Ex-servicemen are authorised free medical facilities in military hospitals and canteen facilities at the nearest CSD canteens. Recipients of gallantry awards are given 50% concessions for air travel in the domestic sector and rail travel in second class. The ex-servicemen, who are in penury, are given financial assistance out of the welfare funds at the disposal of Raksha Mantri.

During the year 1993, 133 ex-servicemen and in 1994, 159 ex-servicemen were provided re-employemnt in Government jobs. Under SEMFEX-I scheme, 65 ex-servicemen from Gujarat have been provided financial assistance worth Rs. 3,12,95,000/- since the inception of the scheme in April 1987. Under SEMFEX-II scheme, 17 ex-servicemen from the State have been benefited and provided financial assistance of Rs. 28.13 lakhs. Two ex-servicemen have been provided loans amounting to Rs. 12.72 lakhs by Bombay Mercantile Bank under Commercial Bank Loan scheme during 1994.

Ex-Servicemen can take medical treatment from the nearest Military Hospital. In addition, during 1993 and 1994, a total of 8 ex-servicemen have been provided medical re-imbursement amounting to Rs. 30,800/- for treatment of serious diseases from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

Plans of DOE to Promote use of Hindi Language

7267. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics have chalked out any plan to promote use of Hindi language in its administration' and other technical wings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the various schemes formulated and being implemented by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Department of Electronics has been implementing various provisions of the Official Language Act and Rules and the Annual Programme framed thereunder by the Government of India, Department of Official Language.

(c) la order to promote use of Hindi in technical aspects, in addition to the schemes already prescribed by the Government, the following specific schemes have been framed and are being implemented in the Department;

(i) Financial assistance for writing original books on Electronics in Hindi;

(ii) Financial assistance for translation of books on Electronics in Hindi;

(iii) National awards for original books on electronics in Hindi;

(iv) Department of electronics Rajbhasha Shield; and

(v) Grant of honorarium for writing technical articles in Hindi for the quarterly magazine titled 'Electroniki Bharati'.